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Dear Sir or Madam:

I work for a national corporation based in Kansas and am very much involved in the computer industry. The proceedings of the Microsoft case have been of particular interest to me and I was pleased to learn that a settlement of this case is likely.

I have many opinions regarding the broad consequences bringing this case has had on the technology sector. However, this is not why I chose to write to you today. Whether this case was just to begin with is of little matter now; instead focus must be on whether this proposed settlement is a good one.

Both Microsoft and the Justice Department deserve commendations for a job well done. The provisions of this settlement that have been made public through the media appear to be fair.

This settlement outlines the creation of a committee that will serve as the enforcement mechanism for the agreement. This committee is an independent one over which Microsoft has no influence. Microsoft will be responsible for the costs of this committee.

Other provisions include the guarantee of freedom for users to select applications from competitors more easily and Microsoft will be required to provide its competitors with technical information making it possible to create compatible, and competing, applications.

Please support this settlement.

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